DIEU ET MON DROIT

By the King.

A PROCLAMATION

Concerning the Prorogation of the Parliament.

CHARLES R.

Whereas since Our last Session of Parliament the same was Prorogued by Us until the third day of October then next coming and now near at hand, At which time We did fully intend to have held Our next Session of Parliament at Westminster, if it had pleased God to remove the Infection of the Plague from the Cities of London and Westminster, Or to abate it in such measure that the Parliament might have met there, without the manifest Peril of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons: And whereas the increase of the Plague is now become so Dreadful, and the Infection thereof so generally dispersed in, and about Our Cities of London and Westminster, that We have great reason to fear We shall not be able to Assemble Our Parliament there where We chiefly desired: We have therefore with the Advice of Our Privy Council thought fit, and Do hereby Declare and Publish Our Royal Will and Pleasure, That the same Parliament shall be again Prorogued from the Third of October unto the Ninth day of the same October, and from the City of Westminster unto the City of Oxford, Where We have taken care that good Accommodation be made and kept for the several Members of both Our Houses of Parliament, to be there holden upon the said Ninth of October. Whereof the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and all and every the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses of the House of Commons, and all others whom it doth or may concern, are to take notice, and to order their affairs accordingly; We letting them know, that although We shall not require any of their Attendance at Westminster upon the said Third of October (except such only who may conveniently be present at the making of the said Prorogation in the usual manner) Nevertheless We do expect, and do hereby require and strictly charge and command them, and every of them personally to appear at Our said City of Oxford upon the said Ninth of October, then and there to proceed in those Weighty and Urgent Affairs which shall be there handled, and shall be most expedient for the general good of Us and Our Kingdoms.

Given at Our Court at *Salisbury* the Thirtieth day of *August*, in the Seventeenth year of Our Reign. 1665.

God save the King.

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